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A Heroine.
[From the Buffalo Express, Dec. 30.]

We published on Wednesday morning last a full account of the bloody affair which occurred Christmas Eve, at Holland village, in this county, growing out of riotous proceedings on the part of a mob of drunken laborers employed on the Buffalo and Washington railway. The story as we gave it was one of remarkable tragedy, but it failed to do justice to the extraordinary heroism exhibited by Mrs. Paul, the landlady of the house assailed, who was the chief actor in the appalling tragedy. The conduct of this woman upon the occasion, according to all the accounts that have reached us, will bear comparison with any recorded instance of feminine nerve, resolution and courage. The mob which assailed the tavern of Mr. Paul was composed of from eighteen to twenty-two (the statements differ) of the Irish laborers who are working on the Buffalo and Washington railway, near Holland village.

They had visited other drinking places and intoxicated themselves before arriving at Paul's tavern, and it appears that they came to the place with premeditated intentions of malice, to satisfy a revengeful grudge against its proprietors. Their disposition to do mischief was soon manifested, and Mr. Paul was speedily driven from the scene. His two young sons, one 18 and the other 20 years of age, coming forward to deal with the riotous visitors. Up to this time Mrs. Paul had not appeared. It was not until one of her sons, covered with blood and bruises, retreated to her, in the rear apartments of the house, that she felt herself summoned to action. Her first instincts were altogether womanly. She thought that she could persuade the ruffians, by an appeal to the ordinary respect of man for woman, to desist from their violence, and she boldly went into their midst, drunken and armed with clubs as they were.

Her appearance and her appeals had no effect upon them. They threatened her own person with violence, and swore that they would burn the house and kill its inmates. Then the soul of this strong-hearted woman rose to arms and declared for battle with the savage mob which would not be conciliated by peaceful persuasions. Escaping from a side door she attempted to rally the neighbors, of whom there was enough near at hand, to the defense of her threatened home and family. But the neighbors would not rally. The mob looked too formidable to them. Nothing daunted, she borrowed two revolvers, dispatched a messenger to the store to purchase a hundred rounds of cartridges, and returned to her beleaguered home. The rioters were in full possession of its front rooms, and engaged in an indiscriminate smashing of windows and furniture, helping themselves to liquor and appropriating property.

She loaded the revolvers that she had borrowed, placed them in the hands of her two sons, stationed them at the two doors leading into the bar-room, where the mob was mostly congregated, and directed them to fire several shots first into the ceiling of the room, above the heads of the crowd, in the hope that that might suffice to alarm the marauders and drive them off. They had no effect, the rioters were too mad with liquor and with their passion to be sobered by the warning. Some of them, on the contrary made a rush toward one of the boys, and then his brother fired a shot which struck the foremost of his assailants in the abdomen; and then, under the direction of the courageous mother, who reloaded the revolvers as they were emptied, the firing was kept up straight into the mob until it broke in panic and fled. One man was killed outright or dropped dead a few paces from the door, and was found lying as he fell, with a bottle of whiskey under one arm and a piece of clothing plundered from the tavern under the other. Two others are likely to die from the wounds that they received. The affair was one of sickening horror; but it is impossible, while one shudders at it, not to admire, as well as marvel, at the cool womanly courage and masculine, not unwomanly—what the mother displayed. She appears from all of mind and her deliberateness of judgment perfectly throughout, exhausting peaceful efforts before resorting to the deadly measures from which she did not shrink at last, when they became necessary.

THE GIRARD ESTATE.—The Girard estate includes 187 stores and dwellings in the city of Philadelphia, and that from these and the fifteen farms belonging thereto in the Fifth Ward of the city, a rental of nearly \$200,000 per annum is yielded. In Schuylkill and Columbia counties are also about 18,000 acres of valuable coal, farming, and timber lands. In the way of personal property, consisting of stocks and bonds, the estate has an approximate par value of \$518,000. The Girard College for orphans is maintained by the income arising from these sources. The repairing of the real estate and the salaries of the officers of the estate are also paid out of this income. In addition to the college bequest Girard left a fund of \$500,000 "for the improvement of the eastern front of the city and Delaware avenue," and one of \$10,000 "to purchase fuel for poor white households." These bequests are regularly carried out.

A. T. Stewart, of New York, has seven depots in Europe where goods are manufactured. There is one depot in Paris where thirty clerks are employed, another in Lyons where silks are manufactured, another in Manchester where English goods are made, another in Berlin for cloths and wools, one in Belfast, Edinburgh and Brussels, and still another in Dublin. There is a packing house in Philadelphia, one in Boston and two in New York. Mr. Stewart is also director of four banks, and chief manager of several charitable institutions.

NEWSPAPER PRESTIGE.—The numerous failures of which people hear nothing, but in the aggregate make a prodigious loss yearly, arise from the supposition that the newspaper has only to be produced; whereas if it were edited by an angel it would make no headway (except by a combination of peculiar circumstances) for years and years, while it certainly would make any amount of leeway, whatever its merits, which would most likely land it among the breakers.—*Roe's Advertiser.*

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